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1. Permissible Axle Loads on the Berlin-Frankfurt/Oder Rail Line

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The permissible axle loads for Main Line No. 2 (Berlin to Frankfurt/Oder) are as follows:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Permissible axle load</u>
I	Berlin-Ostbahnhof to Erkner	37 tons per axle
II	Erkner to Fuerstenwalde	30 tons per axle
III	Fuerstenwalde to Frankfurt/Oder	35 tons per axle

2. Increased Allocation of Tank Cars to the R 300 Shuttle Service

Considerable difficulty is being experienced by the railroad administration in the assembly of the extra 120 two-axle tank cars (2 x 2-axle = 1 x 4-axle) ordered for the R 300 shuttle service between Leuna or Luetzkendorf and Zistersdorf, Austria.

3. Decrease in Number of Type 1 Tank Cars

The total number of Type 1 tank cars available to the East German railroads has decreased since February 1955 by 14, making a total of 2,772. The reasons for this decrease are accidents and scrapping.

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